

HOUSE BILL 2844

By Camper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9 and Title 49, relative to kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) education funding. This act makes appropriations for kindergarten through grade twelve education funding for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act is known and may be cited as the "K-12 Block Grant Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) The department of education shall administer a kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) block grant program.

(b) K-12 block grants are supplemental to BEP funding.

(c) From funds available for K-12 block grants on August 1, 2022, the department shall distribute grants to each LEA based on the prior year ADM of the LEA.

(d) Each LEA may use block grant funds to improve the quality of education within the LEA in a manner deemed appropriate by the local board of education. Block grant funds shall not be used for salaries or other recurring expenditures.

(e) By February 1, 2023, each LEA shall submit a written report on the use of block grant funds to the department, the state board of education, the finance, ways and means committees of the senate and the house of representatives, the education committee of the senate, the education administration committee of the house of representatives, and the directors of the office of legislative budget analysis.

(f) From excess state tax revenue over-collected in fiscal years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 and deposited in the general fund, there is appropriated the sum of two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) for K-12 block grants as provided in this section.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.